

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A system comprising:

a communication device; and

an intermediary facility;

wherein text is transmitted from the communication device to a receiver through the intermediary facility for a fee, and the receiver contact information is hidden from the communication device.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the intermediary facility is one of a website and a server.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the text is transmitted as one of an electronic mail (e-mail) message and physically mailed.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the receiver is one of a famous person and a publicly known person.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the contact information is one of an address, an e-mail address and an account.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the receiver receives a benefit by receiving the text, and the benefit is one of a personal benefit and a benefit given to a charity.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the text is transmitted on a network.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, where the communication device receives a confirmation of delivery of the text, and the confirmation of delivery is one of text, graphics, and text and graphics.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The system of claim ~~30~~26, wherein the confirmation of delivery is received as one of an e-mail and material delivered as physical mail.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 19, wherein the fee is one of paid for by a user of the communication device and a sponsor of the intermediary facility, and the fee is paid to one of an account of the intermediary facility, an account of the receiver, and an account of a charitable entity.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A method comprising:
connecting a communication device with an intermediary facility;
selecting a receiver to receive text;
transferring a fee; and
transmitting the text from the communication device to the receiver through the intermediary facility,
wherein contact information of the receiver is hidden from the communication device.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, wherein the fee is transferred from one of a user of the communication device and a sponsor of the intermediary facility, and the fee is paid to one of an account of the intermediary facility, an account of the receiver and an account of a charitable entity.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, wherein the text is transmitted as one of an electronic mail (e-mail) message and transmitted as physical mail to the receiver.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, wherein the receiver is one of a famous person and a publicly known person.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, wherein the contact information is one of an address, an e-mail address and an account.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, further comprising:
receiving a benefit by the receiver when the text is received,
wherein the benefit is one of a personal benefit and a benefit given to a charity.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, wherein the text is transmitted on a network.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 29, further comprising:
receiving a confirmation of delivery of the text by a user of the communication device,
wherein the confirmation of delivery is one of text, graphics, and text and graphics, and
the confirmation of delivery is received as one of an e-mail and material delivered as physical mail.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): A machine-accessible medium containing instructions that, when executed, cause a machine to:
connect a communication device with an intermediary facility;
transfer a fee; and
transmit text from the communication device to a receiver account through the intermediary facility,
wherein contact information of the receiver is hidden from the device.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 37, wherein the fee is transferred from one of a user and a sponsor of the intermediary facility, and

the fee is paid to one of an account of the intermediary facility, an account of the receiver and an account of a charitable entity.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 37, wherein the text is transmitted as an electronic mail (e-mail) message.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 37, wherein the receiver account is associated with a receiver, wherein the receiver is one of a famous person and a publicly known person.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 37, wherein the contact information is one of an address, an e-mail address and an account of the receiver.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 37, further containing instructions that, when executed, cause a machine to:
transmit a benefit to the receiver when the text is received,
wherein the benefit is one of a personal benefit and a benefit given to a charity.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 37, further containing instructions that, when executed, cause a machine to:
transmit a confirmation of delivery of the text from the receiver to a user of the communication device,
wherein the confirmation of delivery is one of text, graphics, and text and graphics.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The machine-accessible medium of claim 43, wherein the confirmation of delivery is one of an e-mail and material delivered as physical mail.